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Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations.) MM Docket No) RM
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Hazelton, North Dakota	j ,
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To: Chief, Allocations Branch, Mass Media Bureau

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

High Plains Broadcasting, Inc. ("HPBI"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Commission's Rules, respectfully requests that the Commission institute a rule making proceeding to allot Channel 280C to Hazelton, North Dakota.

As set forth in the attached Technical Exhibit, which is incorporated by reference herein, this proposal will serve the public interest. The allotment of Channel 280C to Hazelton, North Dakota, will provide that community with its first local aural transmission service. Hazelton is a census designated city of 240 persons, see 1990 Census of Population and Housing, North Dakota at 18 (1993), and is located 32 miles southeast of Bismarck. The community, which elects its own City Commission and has its own zip code and post office (58544), also is the site of the Hazelton-Moffitt-Braddock Public School and maintains the Hazelton Fire Department, which serves Hazelton as well as nearby areas. Commercially, Hazelton has a number of business enterprises, including Hazelton Bank, Mallard Elevator Construction, Inc., at least two repair shops, a restaurant, a beauty salon, a welding shop, a grocery store and two service stations. Three religious denominations, including St. Paul's Lutheran Church, maintain buildings and services in Hazelton. In addition, Hazelton has a number of

No. of Copies rec'd 7+4 List ABCDE MmB social outlets, including its own community center and senior citizens center, and social organizations, such as the Hazelton Lions Club and American Legion Post #126. Under Commission precedent, the presence of these civic, business, religious and social organizations and services confirm that Hazelton is a community deserving of its own aural transmission service. See, e.g., Report and Order (Hannahs Mill, Milledgeville and Perry, Georgia), 6 FCC Rcd 3753 at ¶ 9 (1991). That the local phone book has a section entitled Hazelton confirms this result. See attached.

The above proposal would enable Hazelton to obtain its own FM broadcast service and would provide a means of entertainment and information for its residents. If the above proposal is approved, it is HPBI's intention to apply for the above allotment promptly and, once granted, to implement construction as quickly as possible. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making as herein requested and thereafter adopt such a proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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TECHNICAL EXHIBIT IN SUPPORT OF A PETITION FOR RULE MAKING TO AMEND THE FM TABLE OF ALLOTMENTS HAZELTON, NORTH DAKOTA

Technical Narrative

This technical narrative and associated exhibits have been prepared in support of a Petition for Rule Making to amend Section 73.202(b) by the allotment of channel 280C (103.9 MHz) to Hazelton, North Dakota.

Proposed Change in Table of Allotments

It is requested that Section 73.202(b) be amended by the allotment of channel 280C to Hazelton, North Dakota. Hazelton is located in Emmons County, North Dakota and has a 1990 U.S. Census population of 240 persons. Hazelton has no local FM stations and no local AM stations. Therefore, Petitioner's proposal would be a first local FM broadcast service and first local aural broadcast service to Hazelton. The proposed changes are as follows:

City		Present	Proposed
Hazelton, No	orth Dakota		280C

The proposed channel 280C reference point is located 267 km from the nearest point of the U.S.-Canadian border; therefore, coordination with Canada may be necessary.

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Compliance With FCC Rules

The attached Figure 1 is a tabulation of required separations pertinent to use of channel 280C at Hazelton. As shown, the reference coordinates comply with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements contained in Section 73.207 with respect to all existing, authorized and proposed stations and allotments.

Figure 2 is a map showing the area to locate channel 280C at Hazelton in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements and city coverage requirements based on minimum Class C facilities (ERP 100 kW/HAAT 300 m). The Hazelton city limits shown on Figure 2 were obtained from a map contained in the 1990 U.S. Census of Population.

Conclusion

Channel 280C can be allotted to Hazelton, North Dakota in compliance with all applicable Commission Rules.

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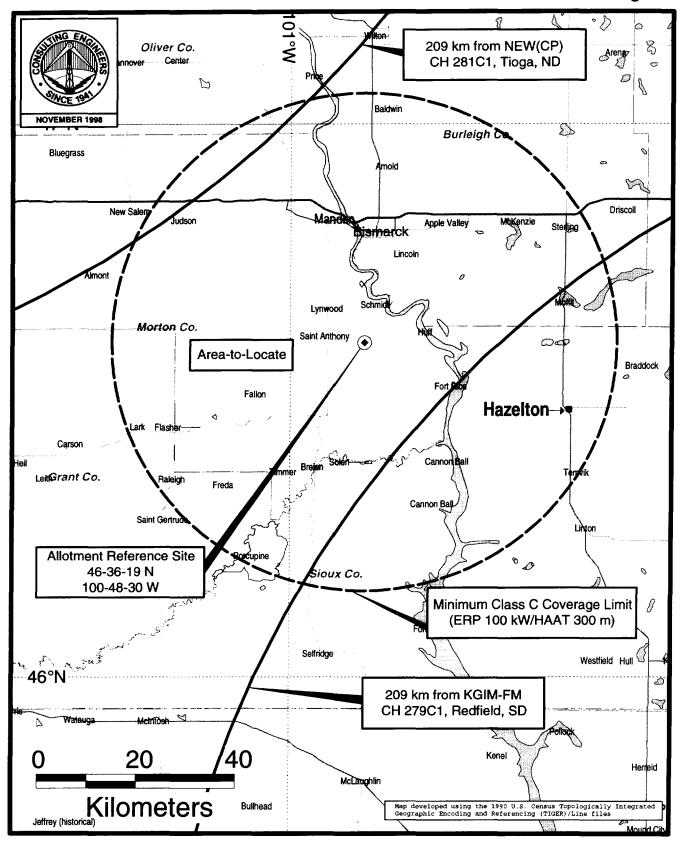
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FM SEPARATION STUDY

Job Titl	e :Prop	osed Hazelton	n, ND			ration Bu		
Channel	280C	(103.9 MHz)			Coordinates			
Status	State	FCC File No	. Freq.	HAAT (m)	Longitude	deg-Tru	(km)	(km)
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^{**} End of separation study for channel 280C **



AREA-TO-LOCATE CHANNEL 280C HAZELTON, NORTH DAKOTA

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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL HALL

- I, Michael Hall, declare as follows:
- 1. I am President of High Plains Broadcasting, Inc. ("HPBI").
- 2. HPBI intends to apply for a construction permit for the channel requested in the attached Petition upon adoption of the proposed rule making.
- 3. If awarded the construction permit, HPBI will promptly construct and operate such facilities.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in this declaration are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Mighael Hall

Executed this 19^{r^4} day of November, 1998.